area was over northern New-England and the maritime provinces of Canada last night.

FRIGHTENED BY FALLING WALLS.

THE WIND COMPLETES A RUIN BEGUN BY FIRE

The high wind prevailing last night blew down

part of the walls of the Old Sallors' Exchange at

Nos. 187 and 189 Cherry-st., at about 7 o'clock. They

fell with a loud crash. Fortunately no one was killed

or injured. Some of the ruln fell into Cherry-st. on

one side, some into Water-st. on the other, but all the

damage resulting was occasioned by what crashed

through the roof of No. 185 Cherry-st., a three-story

building occupied on the first floor by the Patrick

Boach Association, on the second and third floors by

a Mrs. Murray, who keeps a boarding-house, and Miss

Julia Collins. The inmates, although badly frightened.

were unhart with the exception of Miss Collins, who

A considerable part of the household furniture and per

sonal belongings of the occupants were destroyed,

and the loss on the building and its contents is in the

Police Sergeant McDermett, of the Seventh Pre-

sinct Station, sent men to guard the building and keep

people from approaching too near, and told the

building Department to inspect the ruined structure.

responded, but its services were not required. The

building is five stories high, was prected in 1865, and

for many years was used as a sailors' bank, hence the

name, Sallors' Exchange. In 1884, Grammar School

No. 2 took possession, and occupied it for five years.

Two years ago it was abandoned for that purpose, and

received a few slight bruises.

vicinity of \$1,000.

TEN WORKMEN KILLED IN ST. PAUL.

THE WALL WAS PART OF A BUILDING THAT HAD RECENTLY BEEN BURNED.

St. Paul, Dec. 4.-The most horrible accident in the history of St. Paul occurred shortly after 10 o'clock orning, when the centre wall of the west section of the burned Shepard Building, recently occupied by Farwell, Ozman & Kirk, fell in, burying the workmen beneath the ruins. There were sapposed to have bee fifteen men beneath the waii at the time it fell, and the majority of them were killed or received injuries which will probably prove fatai. At least ten mer were killed ontright. The patrol wagons in the city were at once summoned, and the laborers who were not In less than half an hour they had taken out ten men, of whom five were dead. Later the contractor, Wilcox, was taken out dead, his body being terribly mangled.

man, were laid out in the Great Northern freight house. Hundreds of persons, including many of the workmen, lewed the bodies, but no one was able to identify any of the men except Larson. The cause of the accident, as nearly as can be learned, was that the wall, which had been much

The wounded were taken to the City Hospital in the

patrol wagons, and the deed, with the exception of one

reakened by the fire, became to heavy from the large mount of rubbish removed from the bottom, and fell over of its own weight. For some time it has been

FOUR TRAINS PILED TOGETHER.

REMARKABLE ACCIDENT ON THE NEW-ENG LAND ROAD.

GERTAINLY THREE AND POSCIBLY SEVEN PER SONS KILLED-CONFLICTING DETAILS.

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 4.-What is probably the worst wreck the New-York and New-England Railroad

ever experienced occurred at East Thompson, Conn., this morning. Four trains, two passenger and two freight, lie piled up near the overhead highway bridge, about an eighth of a mile east of the station. From information gained from passengers, it appears that the accident can be divided into three divisions. First a westbound "Southbridge Special" freight, which had been made up at East Thompson, crashed into a special local freight on the main line, bound east, piling up the cars in great confusion. Soon after the "Norwich hoat Express," bound east, which left Putnam at 5:30 o'clock, while at fu'l speed, dashed into the wreck, adding to the already bad smash-up. Then the eastbound "Long Island Express" came along and, mounting the wreck, piled cars into a confused mass. The wreck took fire and a car on the boat train was entirely consumed, one person being burned to The killed are Harry Tabor ,engineer of the "Long

Island Express"; his fireman, "Jerry" Fitzgerald, and an unknown man, who was in a sleeper of the train at the time of the accident. At this writing his body had not been taken out of the wreck.

The injured are Engineer Wild and Fireman Boyce, of the special freight, both seriously; John F. Chandler, of Chestnut Hill, Poston, slightly; Express Messenger Marshall, of the boat train, shoulder injured; and Baggage Master Chase, of the same train.

The four engines are a total wreck. Some of the coaches and freight cars are burned to ashes with their contents. The bodies of Tabor and Fitzgerald are frightfully mangled. An appeal was sent to Webster for assistance from its fire department train was sent from Eoston to assist at the scene The special train from Boston, sent to the wreck to transfer the passengers, passed through Blackstone at about 8:30 o'clock this morning At East Thomp-son the passengers were transferred, the train arriving back in Blackstone about 12:20 p. m., and then going on to Boston.

The cause of the original collision, at first said to be misplaced switch, is now declared to have been a bad freg, which allowed one of the freight trains to jump the track. Trains Nos. 13 and 14, expresses, which leave New-York and Boston at noon, were ordered to run via Franklin, Valley Falls, Providence and Wil

Another account of the wreck is given as follows: 'The engine of the Southbridge Special' was doing some switching on the westbound track when night freight No. 212, eastbound, Conductor Dorman, crashed into it. Dorman received orders at Putnam to run on then cross over. A number of heavily loaded cars were thrown on to the easthound track by the shock, and sefore a flagman could be sent out the 'Long Island Express,' bound east, came crashing on to destruction press,' which followed in the wake of the Long Island he engine of which plunged into the rear end of the latter. It is believed that more persons are injured than those announced."

of the victims can be obtained.

from the scene of the New-York and New-England wieck arrived at 2:45 o'clock p. m., and consisted of three passenger coaches and two express cars. The injured engineer and fireman of the freight train were crought on this train and were immediately taken to the Emergency Hospital in an ambulance. John F. Chandler, of the Warren Line Steamship Company, who was one of the passengers of the first express, and was it first reported seriously injured, called at the New York and New-England office after the arrival of the first train, and reported that he had only received a

that his company is a sufferer by the smash-up on the New-York and New-England, but to just what extent New-tork and New-England, one to just what extent
he was unable definitely to state. According to information which he has received, one of the company's
cars, bound from New-York, has been consumed by fire.
The number of packages the car contained, their value
and to whom they were consigned he did not know.
Assistant General Superintendent Grant, of the NewYork and New-England Railroad, says of the accident at
East Thompson: "All we know to the present is
that the beat train ran into an eastbound freight, and

At the offices of the Long Island Railroad in Long Island City it was said that the Long Island and Boston express train which ran into the wrecked freight trains on the New-England road at East Thomps Conn., fifty-three miles from Boston, left there at 11 o'clock on Thursday night. It was made up of two

THE RAILROAD WRECK AT PENNINGTON.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 4.-Frank Roderiguez, the brave engineer of the westbound Reading express train, which was wrecked yesterday evening by running into a gravel train at Pennington, died this morning of his injuries. Although he saw that a collision could not be avoided, he remained at his post and reversed his engine, which was one of the most powerful on the road. His fireman, Oscar Tessner, will recover. There were six passengers injured; one of them. Charles Wilson, of Germantown, is in a criti-cal condition. The blame for the accident falls on the men responsible for the running of the gravel-train.

ven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., number 304 mpared with 295 a week ago and 312 in the same week of 1890. The weekly review says: "The only change ob-servable in the condition of business is a gradual improvesent. Many branches of trade are a little more active and in some the improvement is quite satisfactory. The one sign of unfavorable character is that collections at some points are slower and harder than usual, particularly where points are store; and the principal western points, the low price of cotton leads holders to defer selling as long as possible. But at the principal Western points, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and St. Paul, collections are very satisfactory, the larger trade centres reporting most favorably in that respect, and there is less difficulty at Eastern cities, though at the South some embarrassment Money is not particularly stringent anywhere, official reports show that the volume of all kinds of cur-rency in actual circulation was 1,577 millions December 1, against 1,564 millions November 1, and 1,505 millions

A BOMB'S DEADLY WORK.

RUSSELL SAGE ESCAPES IT.

THE ASSASSIN AND ANOTHER MAN ARE KILLED.

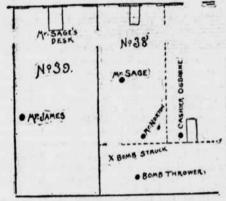
IT WAS MEANT FOR THE MILLIONAIRE.

THE OFFICE WRECKED AND THE BOMB-THROWER BLOWN TO ATOMS - ONE MAN HURLED THROUGH A WINDOW INTO THE STREET -THE BUILDING SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATION-SEVERAL PEOPLE INJURED AND WALL STREET STARTLED.

A dynamite bomb, thrown by a madman,

wrought frightful havoc in the office of Russell Sage, the millionaire broker, at No. 71 Broadway yesterday. The explosion was so terrific that it wrecked the office completely, blowing out the windows, shattering the partitions, breaking the floor, and throwing down the ceiling. All of the occupants of the office were hurt. One of them was blown through a window into Rector-st. and died soon afterward from his injuries. Two others were believed to be dying in hospitals later. Mr. Sage escaped with his life, and was able to go to his home, although he suffered from shock and from painful wounds. The madman who threw the bomb was literally blown to pieces. His head and fragments of his body and limbs were scattered about the wrecked office. He had made a demand upon Mr. Sage for \$1,250,000, threatening to destroy himself and everybody else in the building if the immense sum of money was not paid immediately.

The five-story building on the second floor of which Mr. Sage's office was situated is in itself a business centre, containing the offices of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, and the offices of several wealthy business men. George Gould, ex-Governor Cornell and Colonel Hain were in the building when the explosion occurred, but they escaped without



MR. SAGE'S ROOMS.

injury. Several other persons in the building were less fortunate, and received cuts and bruises. Glass was broken in nearly all of the windows, both in the Broadway front and on the Rectorst. side, and plaster was knocked from the ceilings in many rooms from the ground floor to the top

The crime caused a sensation in the city, and the commercial world was startled as by a financial crash. A great throng of excited business men filled Broadway in front of the damaged building for hours. Police reserves were called from several precincts to keep the crowds in check while the westbound track until he reached East Douglas, and | firemen were at work clearing up the wreckage. ing of panic for a time, and valuable securities were thrown about like waste papers until detectives from the Central Office aided those occupants of Mr. Sage's office, who had not been hurt seriously in securing the precious documents.

> THE KILLED AND WOUNDED. , Wild rumors about the loss of life and the motive for the crime were spread through the city soon after the explosion occurred, and they had the effect to increase the excitement. Following is a list of those killed and injured:

NORTON, BENJAMIN F., clerk in Hussell Sage's office, living at Far Rockaway, was blown out of the office through a window. He had a compound fracture of the skull and many cuts and bruises when he was picked up from the sidewalk in Rector-st. He died while undergoing an operation in the Chambers Street Hospital a few minutes later.

the man who threw the bomb. He was killed instantly, his body being blown to plecos. The fragments of his body were gathered up by the firement and were carried to the shop of R. Duffy, undertaker, at No. 82 Greenwickst. Before throwing the bomb the man declared to Mr. Sage that his name was H. D. Wilson.

SA(4E, RUSSELL. Abrasion of the skin on the forche and sides of the head, causing blood to flow. His clot ing had been torn completely from portions of the bot and laid bare. The skin on the face, portions of the body and legs thus exposed was filled with partitles glass and wooden silvers, requiring hours completely remove them. He suffered little real pain, but had his so punctured became sore in the process, and in ritating.

CALHOUN, SAMUEL G., at work in No. 71 Broadway

JAMPS, CHARLES E., banker and broker at No. 7 Nas-san-st. Cut twice on the forchead by flying splinters. He was well enough to go to his home, at the Gilzey House. LAIDLAW, W. R., married tairty years old, private

secretary for John H. Bhodgood of Phoodgood & Co. brokers, cut about the hands, thighs and legs. Injuries not serious. Taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. His home is at No. 407 West Sistst.

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MENZIE, F. J., clerk in Mr. Sage's office, escaped with a cut on his forcheed and sone bruises which were not serious. He refused to go to a hospital.

OSDORNE, C. W., fifty-two years old, confidential clerk and cashier for Russell Sage. Severe injuries, besides fracture of the skuil. Lives at No. 193 Errkeley Place Brooklyn, Married, Now lying in a critical condition in the Chambers Street Hespital.

OSTERHOFF, —, boy on the third floor of No. 71 Broadway, had his ankle hurt severely by upheaval of the floor over Mr. Sage's office. He was able to go home.

ROBERTSON, FRANK, twenty-one years old, clerk for

Hoor over Mr. Sage's office. He was able to go hon OBERTSON, FRANK, twenty-one years old, clerk William M. Imbrie & Co., of No. 56 Broadway. Se tojuries, which may prove fatal. Left tye badly and right eye totally destroyed. He had gone into Sage's office to get some railroad shares. He wish his parents in Bergon Point, N. J. Now I; critically fill in Chambers Street Hospital.

critically ill in Chambers Street Hospital.

SLOCUM, Colonel J. J., brother-in-law and confidential clerk of Russell Sage. He was standing near the door of the inner office when the explosion occurred. He suffered from two cuts in the top of the head, from which small pieces of glass were removed by Dr. Steele, and three cuts in the left side of the throat; a number of smaller cuts from glass.

THE BOMB-THROWER'S APPEARANCE.

It was a few minutes after noon when the bombthrower made himself noticed by the clerks in Mr. Sage's office. He inquired for Mr. Sage then and was told that Mr. Sage was not in. The man waited in the small private ball of the broker's outer office. He was a stranger there, and the clerks took little notice of him at the time. He was a tall man, and well built, with regular features and well-shaped head. His hair was brown and inclined to curl, and he had a brown, curly mustache and full beard. He was welldressed and had on a high silk hat. In his left hand he carried a small buif-colored satchel.

fidential clerk for John H. Bloodgood & Co. brokers in the Mills Building, and Frank Robert. son, clerk for William M. Imbrie & Co., of No. 56 Broadway. Windows of Mr. Sage's office looked out in Rector-st. On the other side of the outer room was a partition of wood and glass with a door in it. Between that partition and the windows was a door which led to Mr. Sage's inner office, which was to the west of the outer office. On the same floor, at the Broadway end of the building, were the offices of W. E. Connor & Co., the Wall-st, brokers, while at the Church-st, end, and also on the same floor, were the offices of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, George Gould, Jay Gould's son, was in the vice-president's room, two rooms removed from Mr. Sage's inner office. Colonel Hain and other officials of the railway company were in rooms overlooking Church-st. Ex-Governor A. B. Cornell was in his office on the third floor of the

PRICE THREE CENTS.



RUSSELL SAGE, from a photograph taken were a beard.

building. Charles E. James, a broker, of No. 7 Nassau-st., entered Mr. Sage's outer office about twenty minutes after noon to keep an appointment with the millionaire. He noticed the tall stranger in the listle private hall as he passed in.

MR. SAGE COMES IN.

Learning that Mr. Sage was not in at the moment Mr. James sat down at a table in the outer office to wait. A minute later Mr. Sage entered. He greeted Mr. James and invited him into the inner office. Robertson and Laidlaw also were anxious to see Mr. Sage on business for their firms. In Robertson's hand was a certified check for \$9,000, and he had gone to the office to get 100 shares of C., B. & Q. stock.

Mr. Sage and Mr. James barely had time to sit down in the inner office when the stranger forced his way into the outer office and stood at the door in the partition, demanding to see Mr. Sage. One of the clerks had asked Mr. Sage to see Robertson and Laidlaw, and Mr. Sage walked back into the outer office. Mr. James sat alone in the inner room. Colonel Slocum went to the door of the room.

The stranger spoke to Mr. Sage and thrust nto his hand a card on which the name "H. D.

"I came here from Mr. Rockefeller to see about some bonds," he said. "This will explain," he added, producing a type-written letter.

its contents. He started and changed color as he read. The letter was short and to the point. It was a demand for the immediate payment of \$1,250,000 to the bearer, coupled with a threat that the writer would blow himself, Mr. Sage and everybody else in the building into eternity with dynamite if the demand was not complied

Trembling with excitement, Mr. Sage said something about the impossibility of raising such a sum at the moment, and asked for time to consider.

"There is no time," said the madman.

A REVOLVER IN HIS HAND.

He had drawn a revolver from his pocket with is right hand, while in his left hand he still held the satchel. Mr. Sage did not see the revolver, but Robertson and one or two of the clerks caught sight of the shining weapon, and they cried out : "Murder!"

THE MADMAN DROPS HIS SATCHEL. Hardly knowing what he was doing, Mr. Sage

folded the letter and handed it back to the writer. The stranger dropped the revolver back into his overcont pocket and received the letter. Mr. Sage turned rapidly back toward the door of his nner office. At that moment, as the cry of "murder" still sounded in the outer room, the madman must have let the satchel fall from his left hand. A flash and a loud report were accompanied by the rocking of the big building from top to bottom. Mr. Sage and other men in his outer office lost consciousness for a moment. Norton was blown out into Rector-st. with the sash and glass of the window in front of which he had stood. The other men fell to the floor. They were covered with the fragments of the partitions, which were shattered, and with plaster which fell from the ceiling. Mr. James was thrown from his chair in the inner office, and he was struck by flying fragments of the partition between the rooms. He was one of the first to recover the use of his faculties. The office was filled with a cloud of dust when he arose and tried to grope his way out. He ran against Mr. Sage, who had got on his feet, dazed and well-nigh blinded.

"Wait a moment till the dust settles and we can see where to go," he said to the millionaire.

They waited there a minute, hearing the groans of other men in the office, and a swelling cry which came from a hundred or more men in other parts of the building. Then they passed to the outer hall, avoiding a hole which had been blown through the floor of the outer office near the place where the glass and wooden partition had stood.

RUSHING FROM THE BUILDING. A crowd was gathering on the landing and in

the lower hall, and many men were rushing

DAMAGE BY THE WIND.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES BLOWN DOWN.

MAYOC IN SIRST-AVE. FROM FORTY-SECOND TO TWENTY FIFTH STREETS-STREET CARS STOPPED AND TRUCKS SMASHED-

MANY NARROW ESCAPES. The storm of wind and rain which swept over the city yesterday afternoon and culminated in pere about 5 o'clock assumed the form of some hing like a hurricane in First-ave, at the time of is greatest fury, and bowled down the electric acht poles like a lot of ninepins, from Twentyfithst to Forty-second-sis. Some of these poles sere sixty feet high, and on their crosstrees were getched wires of the Manhattan Electric Light Company. They were on the east side of the the telephone and telegraph wires being netched on poles on the west side. People in First ave. were running for shelter at the time, for the wind came howling up from the southeast, iswing through the side streets leading to the Biver and driving great sheets of rain before In the avenue were many surface cars going by and down, and crowded with people. No one

could ride wanted to walk in such weather. Several truckmen up and down the avenue were sphitching their horses to lead them to their subles. The storm came with a rush and a roar. then same a sound of crashing wood, and up by Perty-second st. the great poles, with their weight wires, began to tumble. They fell across the seet, tearing down wires from the telegraph and sephone poles opposite and letting loose a flood of electricity, which ran up and down the carpacks in a little stream of blue fire. Only one ser was struck, the big poles falling in front and whind the other cars and stalling them, but mising them in some cases by only a few feet. The last pole to fall was just below Twenty-

The electric light plant which supplied the wifes shut down its dynamos at once and no arious damage was done by electricity. Of course there was great confusion for a time in the avenue, and this was increased by an alarm of fire and the rub of engines and hose-wagons. The avenue is that section of the city is mostly lighted by ps, but falling poles and wires smashed the suserns and wind and rain extinguished the lights, a that for a time the avenue was in darkness. he fire was caused by a pole falling across a telethe electric light wires on the pole came in potact with the telephone wire and sent a burning current up to the cornice of a building at No. men soon extinguished it.

Policemen, firemen, electric-light men and men rem the Bureau of Encumbrances we :- not long ; is reaching the scene. The storm soon moderated and then ceased. The work of clearing away the wreak began, and before long the avenue resumed smething like its normal state. People gathered everywhere in groups to discuss what had happened and tell stories of hair-breadth escapes. Many of the gas lamps were repaired and new lantems brought, so that by 8 o'clock the avenue was fairly well lighted, and one could see what had happened. Most of the poles seemed to have been broken clear off about twenty-five feet from the ground, leaving few splinters sticking up. Here and there were crosstrees and poles lying on demolished trucks. Before long the cars began to run, again, the big pieces of timber which had held them prisoners having been removed.

Of all the people on the avenue at the time, few were injured. Thomas Delaney, wenty-seven years old, of No. Forty-sixth-st., was driving down First-ave. and was near Twenty-sixth-st. when the high wind ame and the poles began to fall. He was struck by a crosstree or a wire, he could not say which, ed cut about the neck and shoulders. He was to walk to Bellevue Hospital, where his

wands were dressed, and he was sent home. Cer No. 5, of the line which runs from the East liver over to Pavonia Ferry, was between Twentybegan. There were twenty-three passengers in the car. Then came the sound of the rushing corm and crashing poles, and then, while the pasengers looked to see what was coming, a pole tell across the roof of the car and electric sparks began to fly around if. The driver said last night that his car was emptied of its passengers before he could realize it. They came flying out through the sparks, he said, as if they were a part of the beworks. No one was injured, and the pole, catching in the telephone and telegraph wires, so eased its fall that it did not go through the roof of the

tat. Many of the passengers and the driver experienced a slight shock of electricity. Between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth sts. a sele fell on a horse hitched to a wagon and alled him. The driver of the wagon, Christopher Fierth, of No. 501 First-ave., was leading the herse at the time, but escaped without injury. At Twenty-ninth-st. C. Miller was driving a truck upon which a pole fell. It just missed Miller, and mined the truck. At Thirty-first-st. an unknown man was driving a truck downtown. A boy was nding at the back of it. A pole fell between the man and boy, demolishing the truck, but burting neither of them. A boy at Twentyeventh-st, was just unhitching a horse from a track when the wires fell about him. He received slight shock, but was not injured. Thomas Harris, of No. 238 East One-hundred-and-ninth-st., was thrown from a truck he was driving at Twenty-sixth-st. by a falling pole. He was in-

lued about the legs, the pole rolling over him as

e lay on the ground. He went to Bellevue

legital His injuries were not regarded as

The Bureau of Encumbrances placed sixty men at work, who labored all night to clear the street poles and tangled wires. The poles were two feet in diameter, and were regarded as ery strong. It was thought last night that there that have been a weak pole somewhere up by Forty-second-st, which started the collapse and raced the others with it. The other poles had all they could do to stand up against the hurricane, were unable to resist the extfa drag put on the by the first pole, so as one went down another followed it, until the limit of the hurricane was reached, and forty poles lay low. No other damage was done by the wind of any account there, though signs and showcases in front of those were blown about considerably. The wind blew at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour at 5 p. m. Before that time it had made time, never under twenty-five miles from the time it began blowing, and several times reaching the rite of forty-six and forty-seven rites an hour. The storm had been slowly moving tasward for two or three days, having gathered in the Northwest. That point of the compass seems the only place where Mr. Dunn can find storms in the latest the produced a slight cold wave in the West, but nothing severe. The wind began to fall only place where Mr. Dunn can find storms stely. It produced a slight cold wave in the west, but nothing severe. The wind began to fall has city after 5 p. m., and at 8 p. m. It blew at the rate of only twenty four miles an hour. The sreets then began to dry rapidly, and the stars came out to prove that the rain was over for the light.

The rain which accompanied the windstorm was heavy. It began at helf next 1 o clock

beavy. It began at half past I o'clock listerday morning, and it rained at intervals until about 2 p. m., when the downfall began in tarnest. When the rain stopped altogether last hight, it was found that 45-100 of an inch of the last control of

The temperature showed remarkable changes in the course of a few hours. In the morning the in the course of a few hours. In the morning the termometer bgan to rise so rapidly that at 2 a m, it showed fifty-nine degrees. Then, after the storm had gone by, the temperature began to that as fast as it had risen, and at 8:30 p. m. it was forty-six degrees, while at midnight the merenry had dropped to forty-two degrees.

The Weather Bureau reported late last night that the probabilities for to-day were fair weather with cold winds, and that the temperature would report the storm had meyed to Canada, and the rain term had meyed to Canada, and the rain

Two years ago it was abandoned for that purpose, and the first floor was occupied by the W. H. Roberts Drug Factory, the second floor by the Florence Soap Works, the third floor by the Splitdorf Wire Company and the fourth by a drug house.

On May 12 a fire completely burned the inside of the building, the partitions and roof fulling, and leaving only the bare walls standing. Since then the structure has been considered unsafe, and its condemnation has been recommended by the police. It is owned by Peter Young & Son, of Brooklyn.

THE WYOMING VALLEY STORMSWEPT. FLOODS IN WILKESBARRE-THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RISING.

Wilkesbarre, Penn., Dec. 4 .- A terrific rain and wind storm swept over the Wyoming Valley to-day, doing grent damage in outlying districts. The storm began at 3 a. m., and from that time until 5 o'clock to-night rain came down in sheets. The Susquehanua River has risen three feet and is still rising, and it is feared that truffic with west-side towns will be cut off. The streets of Wilkesbarre have been under water the whole day, except on the heights. Many cellars are flooded in the business part of the town, and goods worth thousands of dollars have been damaged. Telephone and telegraph wires are badly tangled, and knemen are busy restoring communication.

DAMAGE IN THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY. Carifile, Penn., Dec. 4 (Special).-A terrific wind and rain storm passed over the Cumberland Valley this afternoon, doing damage to the amount of \$75,000. In this place several new buildings were partially trees were uprooted, chimneys blown over, fences blown to the ground and the streets flooded At Mechanicsburg fifteen buildings were wrecked and a large number damaged.

At Shippensburg the clouds formed in a funnel shape and the storm burst upon the town in all its fury. Both the Western Maryland and Philadelphia and Reading rudiroads' round-houses were demolished. They were levelled to the ground. Six men were in the building at the time. All escaped except John Sharp, who was struck in the back by flying timbers

FIERCE WEATHER IN THE NORTHWEST Minpeapolis, Dec. 4.-Severe weather is prevailing roughout the Northwest. Rain or snow is reported from every town and hamlet. At Stephen, Minn., a blizzard is raging and the weather is growing colder rapidly. More snow has fallen than at any previous time in six years. Trains are running, but a blockade At Gration it has been snowing since I o'clock on Wednesday night. Forest River, N. D., reports a blizzard. At Hillsboro the worst blizzard for years is Similar reports come from the Missouri River country. At Bistrarck snow has fallen with a heavy wind. Stockmen fear that the storm will prove disastrous to herds on the plains The storm is not as violent in Minnesota as in other parts of the Northwest, although at all points the temperature is falling rapidly. It began snowing at 10 o'clock last night, and the storm bids fair to last. A brisk wind has sprung up and the indications are that there will be a blizzard. Heavy storms are raging all along the line of the Eurlington in Iowa and in Nebrasha.

Cape May, N. J., Dec. 4 (Special).—A gale passed over the place at 4 o'clock this afternoon, lasting one minute, but doing considerable damage. The wind blew directly northward, and crossed a portion of the town which was not closely built up. Its path was about fifty feet wide. The first thing it struck was the beautiful Hotel Lafayette, and it carried one-half of the tin roof over and felded it upon the remaining half. Small signs, trees and outhouses were blown down. The wind carried off the top of the large Stockton stables. Joseph Brewston, a carpenter, was blown from a scaffold and severely hurt. The gale was preceded by a heavy rainstorm. At 6 o'clock a

Belvidere, N. J., Dec. 4.-The most severe rainstorm of the season prevailed throughout this region to-day. The rain was accompanied by a strong wind, streams were replenished, and growing grain was bene-ited. Not much damage was done by the storm.

A NARROW ESCAPE ON THE N. Y. CENTRAL Albady, Dec. 4 (Special) .- The storm along the Hudm River to-night was exceedingly severe. It prostrated telegraph poles. One of them fell across the Hudson River Railroad track just north of Garrisons. The train leaving New-York at 4:50 o'clock struck it while under a high rate of speed. stripped from the engine and all the ventilators torn

from the cars, the gas connections broken and other damage done. The engineer and fireman were slightly burt.

TRAINS ABANDONED IN MANITOBA. Winnipeg, Dec. 4.-The storm continues with bated violence to-night. The only train leaving Winnipeg to-day was the Northern Pacific express for St. Paul. All trains on the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northwestern are abandoned. The streets are almost impassable. Serious loss of life is feared, as the mercury is falling. At Deloraine Mrs. John Peddie was found this morning frozen to death about 500 yards from her home. She was driving home from market, and was caught in last night's blizzard. Her

KILLED BY A FALLING BUILDING.

Roznoake, Va., Dec. 4 .- A heavy wind and rain storm passed over this city this morning. A brick building being erected for a livery stable was blown down, and L. B. Herring, formerly of Mount Airy, N. C., was instantly killed, and one Lovelace seriously injured. The building was poorly constructed.

BADLY HURT BY A FALLING SIGN. Frank I. Southwell, twenty-seven years old, a printer, of No. 443 Second-ave., while walking up Water-st. yesterday afternoon was struck by a falling sign and seriously injured. His thigh bone and left arm were broken, and he suffered internal injuries. The sign became loosened from its fastenings during the storm. Southwell was taken to Chambers Street Hospital in a critical condition.

WESTERN UNION WIRES DOWN. The Western Union wires felt all the force of the storm and succumbed to it. Everywhere, porth, west and south, wherever the sterm came, it moved the wires down before t and made a clean sweep. Early yesterday morning the wires began to work bidly on account of the rain, and when the wind sprang up it made the wreck complete. At th Western Union office it was said last night at 9 p. m. that shings were in bad shape. South of Atlanta the were out of order, and westward and all through the there was general disorder and trouble. Luckily the wires to Washington, Pittsburg and Buffalso were working well, and things were gradually being improved everywhere By midnight the damage had been repaired to a great extent, but it was feared then that the Eastern wire- we begin to feel the effects of the wind, as the storm passing in that direction.

springfield, Ill., Dec. 4 (special).-The St. Louis,

Collinsville and Carondelet Belt Railway Company to day filed in the office of the Secretary of State a resolution adopted by the stockholders, authorizing the issuance of mortgage bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000. the proceeds of which are to be used in completing and equipping the road. The bonds are to run forty years and bear 5 per cent interest, principal and interest pay-

TWENTY MEN DROWNED. THE GALE'S DISASTROUS WORK AT HAVER-

STRAW!

TWELVE BARGES CAPSIZED IN THE RIVER-THIRTY OUT OF SIXTY MEN RESCUED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Haverstraw, N. Y., Dec. 4 .- Twelve barges loaded with brick, including the Irene, Captain James Kennedy: Dolson, Captain Pat Cahill: Louise, Captain A. Bradbury; Lizzie J. B. Lizzie and Louise, the Christie bury. Captain Brennan; James G. Scott, Ellen C. McGuire, towed by the Cornell Towing Company's steamboat Townsend, and several boats coming down the Hudson, opposite Croton Point when upset were at about 9 o'clock this evening, and about twenty persons were drowned. The names of the boats are Ellen C. McGuire, Captain G. Larkin; Mary G. Burns, Captain Will Dewitt: Blackstone and Yellowstone from Tompkins Cove, whose captains'

names could not be ascertained. When at Croton Point the swash of the river was so great that the tug was compelled to round to, thus forcing the barges to ride each other. Being loaded and the tide washing so high, they immediately upset. There were sixty men on the twelve barges, and only about thirty have come

The accident is attributed by many to the carelessness of the pilot of the tug.

W. C. Curran, a boat-hand on the Louise, who has just arrived from his swim ashore says: "We were playing the concertina in the cabin at the time the accident occurred. I ran on deck, only to see one scow run on top of the other. The boats did not sink, but toppled over. Upon each barge were five men, making sixty in all. Of these only about thirty men have come ashore." Tugs are out all over the river in the hope of

saving any who may have clung to the bottom of the capsized barges, but little hope is enter-tained as to the safety of the remainder of the Twelve men are known to be drowned from the different boats. Great excitement prevails in

BEFORE JUDGE BARNARD TO-DAY,

IMPORTANCE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT POUGH REEPSIE-CLERK HOFFMAN'S CASE.

Poughkeepsie, Dec. 4 (Special).--Joseph H. Choate, the attorney for the Republican State Committee, reached here to-night, and held a long consultation with Robert F. Wilkinson, the attorney who has had immediate charge of the fight against the Demo-anti- theft of the Senate seat to which Gilbert A. Deane was elected. Mr. Choate will argue to-morrow in favor of the position taken by the Republicans, that the Board of County Canvasser had no right to throw out the Republican ballots as the Democratic majority in the Board did. This case was brought before Judge Barnard here on an order obtained from Judge Edwards, at Troy, on Wednesday last, compelling the County Canvassers to show cause why they should not count the votes for Senator as they were originally returned by the inspectors. The Judge has held heretofore that because Mr. Deane, the elected member of the Senate, has died, no one can appear as a relator in this case. In other words, his opinion is said to be that it is no crime to rob a dead man. Mr. Choate has a number of excellent precedents to present to Judge Barnard to-morrow absolutely of no value because of the illegal counting out of such a vote can appear as the relator in such : case. How Judge Barnard now will determine this

question is only a conjecture. Theodore A. Hoffman, the Clerk of Dutchess County, Hill the Righ Executioner of Republican County Clerks who will not disobey the law in order to help him along in his theft of the Legislature, went to Albany to-night with his counse', Charles F. Cossum and Judge Cady, of Columbia County. Mr. Hoffman's offence was his refusal to sign a illegal return at the order of the Democratic majority of the Board of Supervisors of Dutchess County. It is expected that Hill will make short work of Hoffman, as he did of County Clerk Cotton, of Onondaga, and ampoint in his stead John J. Mylod, whose practices in connection

"The Poughkeepsie Eagle" will contain the follow ing to-morrow, addressed "To Lewis D. Germond": You have filed a paper with Governor Hill charging codore A. Hoffman, County Clerk of Dutchess County with misconduct in office. The people of Dutchess County openly charge you with misconduct in office. conspiring to steal thirty-one votes in the town of Hook from dead Senator Deane. You and your allowconspirators have thus outraged public decency violated law. You, with seventeen others, have conspired to steal votes from the dead Senator in East Fishkill. You and seventeen others did not dare to expose the property thus stolen from those districts in the lying tabulated statement which you have crammed down the throats of the people in full dieregard of the law. there took a Social Labor Reform ballot, on which was he vote for the Democrats. The people are going you and your seventeen fellow-conspirators strictly to ac-

count. You cannot escape the responsibility. You will be followed to the Grand Jury, to the end that justice "The Hudson Register," the Democratic organ of Columbia County, says in an editorial: Nobody with a grain of intelligence and common henesty

on mistake what Governor Hill is doing. He started out to steal the Legislature for the Democrats.

Washington, Dec. 4.-Paymaster-General Stewart, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, says that the growth of the Navy has called for greatly increased expenditures at shore stations during the last fiscal year, the excess over 1890 being about \$83,500,000. By means of a system of double-entry bookkeeping the Bureau is enabled to follow all expenditures so as to be able to give the value of all property comprising the Naval establishment and the expense of maintaining it, to say what each ship in the Tay Navy has cost, and to give the running expenses of every vessel in commission. pereased expenditures at shore stations during the

CHRISTMAS FIXED UPON AS THE DAY.

Kansas City, Dec. 4 .- Mrs. Charles P. Johnson, o Wyandotte, Kan., has organized a band of Adventists wyanouse, have fixed on Christmas Day as the end of the world. She has about 800 followers already, at has fitted up a house where she receives her friends and holds scances. She says she is in hourly communication with the spirit world and declares that there can be no mistake as to her prediction.

SUICIDE OF OLIVER H. BLOOD.

Oliver II. Blood, aged fifty years, committed suicide st evening at his apartments, No. 251 West Twentylast evening at his apartments. No. 251 West Twesty-third-st, by shooting himself in the head. About 5 o'clock a shot was heard by several tenants in the house. Blood's door was broken in, and Blood was found on the floor with a builet wound in his head. The wound was inflicted with a 3s-calibre revolver. head, took an upward course, and came out of the left side ness, took an opward course, just over the ear. In an unconscious condition he was carried in an ambulance to the New-York Hospital, where he died at 8 o'clock, without regaining consciousne

two letters addressed to his wife, dwelling on the great wrongs he had done her. She called at the West Twentieth-st, police station during the evening and told times, and it was during one of these fits that he life. She had been thinking for some time of sending him to an insane asylum, but he became cognizant of this and left her. The wife lives at No. 237 East Thirteenth-st.

FOR A DINNER TO THE EARL OF ABERDEEN.

A largely attended meeting of the members of the Irish National Federation of America at the home of Dr. Emmet, No. 89 Madison-ave., last evening completed arrangement for the dinner to be given on Tuesday evening at Del-monico's, to the Earl of Aberdeen. Dr. Thomas Addis monico's, to the Earl of Aberdeen. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet will preside, and an address of welcome to Lord Aberdeen will be read by Major John Byrne. Among the Aberdeen will be: "Lord Aberdeen and the British Friends of toasts will be: "Lord Aberdeen; "America, the Friend of Home Rule," Lord Aberdeen; "America, the Friend of Home Rule for Ireland," Governor Hill; "Ireland's Seif Home Rule for Ireland," Governor Hill; "Ireland's Seif Home Rule for Ireland," Governor Hill; "Ireland's Seif Government," Dr. W. B. Wallace; "The National Federal tion of Ireland," Dr. Joseph F. Fox; "The Press," Charles A. Dana. The price of a seat will be \$12. Secretary Joseph P. Ryan, Room No. 22, Cooper Union, has charge of the saleoftickets. There are some of the invited guests: Cardinal Gibbons, Chauncey M. Depew, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, Bishop Potter, Archbishop Corrigan, the Rev. Dr. Gotthell, J. Sloat Fassett, Andrew Carnegie, ox-President Cleveland, and Governor-cloyt Flower.

Later reports say that seven were killed, but no list

Boston, Dec. 4.-The second train to reach Boston

slight shaking up.
Superintendent Lovering, of the Adams Express, says

deepers, the Midland and the Cato, and a combined smoker. There were nine passengers, only one being in the Midland, which was burned.

men responsible for the running of the The express-train had the right of way

The business failures throughout the country in the last

year ago. The increase both for the month and for the year has been mainly in the form of gold certificates and new Treasure netes."

In Mr. Sage's outer office were Colonel J. J. from the upper stories toward the sidewalks in Slocum, the broker's brother-in-law and chief Broadway and Church-st. when Mr. Sage and clerk; C. W. Osborne, the cashier; B. F. Norton his friend passed out, and crossed to O'Connell's and F. J. Menzie, clerks: W. R. Laidlaw a con. drugstore at No. 82 Broadway. Colonei Sloom